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Requirement for Information on Soviet and Soviet Chartered
Vessels Due to Load Wheat in Canadian Pacific Coast Ports

Background

Wheat shipments from Canadian Pacific Coast ports to the Soviet Far East, purchased under provisions of a recently signed Canadian-USUR Wheat Agreement, are due to begin early in April and continue for several months.

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of the Soviet ships; however, this office would like to call particular attention to the following specific requirements.

Requirements

1. It is requested that information be obtained on charter terms and rates of charter for following vessels scheduled to load in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria:

<u>Vessel Name and Flag</u>	<u>Approximate Date of Loading</u>
Indora (British)	20 March - 10 April
Harrow Hill (British)	24 April - 7 May
Cygnat (Liberian)	25 April - 15 May
Amsrham Hill (British)	25 April - 15 May
Wynahood Hill (British)	5 June - 25 June

2. Two of the Russian vessels scheduled to load wheat are tankers. It is requested that an attempt be made to determine from the ship's officers or shore personnel in contact with the ship's crew, why tanker tonnage is being employed on this movement when domestic demand for such tonnage is apparently high. The tankers Apsheron and Kostroma are expected to arrive in Vancouver for loading on 1 May. Report any evidence of tank cleaning problems and procedures.

3. Determine, if possible, the ultimate destination of the wheat. It has been reported that the vessels are to be discharged at

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Vladivostok or Nakhodka but it is possible that transshipment to other Far Eastern ports is contemplated.

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Suggested Source - ONI

Degree of Need - Routine

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